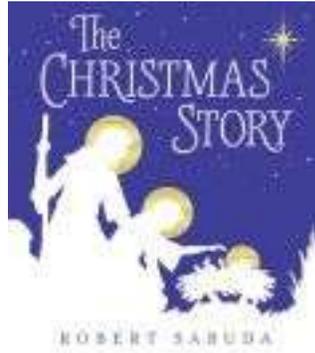




San Saba First United Methodist Church
December 2017 Newsletter



**Children's Christmas
Program
Sunday, December 17
During the
Worship Service**

**FUMC
204 W. Brown San Saba TX
325-372-3120
Pastor: John Saint**

**Volunteers Are Needed to Clean Church
See Calendar in Parlor to Sign Up**

Christmas Eve Schedule
No Sunday School
Worship Service at 10 a.m.,
Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 6 p.m.



5 **Joy to the World!**

Join the Fun & Fellowship!

Christmas Caroling

Wednesday December 20th
5 p.m.

Chili/Frito Pie Supper to Follow

***When You Joined FUMC you pledged to
support it with your attendance, your prayers, your time and your money.***

Prayer Concerns

Stacy Wise (surgery on Dec. 11)
Harrison Hamer at Shady Shores
David & Barbara Gilger (David is at Shady Shores for rehab)
Mel Landers, praise that he is back playing the piano
Mike & Pat Johnson
Orlando Miller (running tests)
Family of Adeline (Orlando's sister)
Amanda Jackson (Pecan Valley Nursing Home & Rehab)
Brad Reeves, Josh Thomas, Travis Murdock (Kelly Murray's brother) & Mark Owns (safety)
Sonya Hibler Owens (praise that she is in remission)
Lisa Wise (cancer)
Bettye McLaughlin

Some of FUMC's Servants



The Thinking of You Ladies group meets once a month. The focus of the group is service to others. One of their projects has been assisting with the Grub Sack ministry of providing food to students who do not have enough to eat on the weekends. These ladies placed 10 food items in the grub sacks.

Fellowship of Christian Women
December 14
FUMC
11:30 a.m.
Covered Dish



From the Pastor's Desk.....

God's Outlandish Promise

For in him every one of God's promises is a "Yes." For this reason it is through him that we say the "Amen," to the glory of God. *2 Corinthians 1:20*

Remember your word to your servant, in which you have made me hope. This is my comfort in my distress, that your promise gives me life. *Psalms 119:49-50*

If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is. That's what I learned from my parents growing up, and my experience has proven it to be true. There are people in the world who prey on the trusting and the innocent. Their goal is somehow to scam people out of their money or their property. It isn't fair, it isn't right, and we don't like scam artists. We promise ourselves that we will never let someone take advantage of us like that.

The level of deception in the world spills over into our faith life. It causes us to guard ourselves against the truth of the gospel. In a world that is so dark, the full light of the gospel is too bright to see.

Advent is our invitation from God to draw closer to the light. As we do, our eyes adjust to the brightness and we begin to see the light of Christ reflected in the faces of all those around us. Even then, in the midst of the brightness, we find that the promise of life in God is almost too good to be true. Like Zechariah in the presence of God's angel, the only words we can speak are, "How can this be?" But the angel promises, "Do not be afraid, for your prayer has been heard." (Luke 1:13) Even if God's outlandish promise seems too good to be true, it is true! Thanks be to God!

As we enter into this Advent season I invite you to pray this prayer with me:

Lord, I give you thanks for hearing my prayer and leading me all my days. Help me always to remember that we are all your beloved children, that we are in your strong and tender hands, and that life is good, beautiful, and eternal. I believe, rejoice, and wait, trusting in your grace. Amen.

THE PROMISE



Thanks to all who stayed and help decorate the church for Christmas. Many hands did make for light work. In less than 45 minutes the job was done. Pictured above are Travis Hawkins and Brad Reeves. To the left is Mindy Cantu.



Mike & Tracey Thomas are the proud grandparents of a baby girl, Bethany Helene Pugh, born Thanksgiving Day November 23rd.. The bundle of joy weighed 5 lbs. and was 19 inches long. Her parents are Lindsey & Derek Pugh.



Game Night will return in January.



Thank you all for your active participation in the stewardship of OUR church. We have had an abundance of fiscal pledges and have filled spots on our cleaning calendar. Thank you for the continual care of the physical responsibility of this beautiful Bride of Christ.

Submitted by Kelly Murray